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STAYED IT OUT

Dancing Red Cross Men Could
Not Quit Early.

THEY MAY BE PUNISHED

An Understanding and a Positive
Order—Maj. Wood and Pas-
sage for Party Men.

It is reported that a number of the
boys of the United States Hospital
Corps are in serious danger of punish-
ment as an outcome of the dance given
by them at Progress Hall Tuesday
evening.

It is said that when the dance was
first planned the boys had it under-
stood with Surgeon Major Wood, who
is in charge, that leave should be
granted them during the progress of
the ball. They say they were told by
him to "go ahead with the dance,"
which was taken to mean a night off
for the committee men, at least.

On Tuesday, the day of the ball, it is
reported that Major Wood denied such
permission and limited the leave to
11:30 o'clock p. m. However that may
be the dance continued till about 2
o'clock a. m., and the members of the
Hospital Corps stayed it out.

Now comes the report that those who
overstayed the time are to be punished
in some way, probably fined. One of
the Hospital Corps men, when seen
about the matter yesterday, gave the
following statement in writing:

"A number of weeks ago when
the ball was first projected, Sur-
geon Major Wood gave the mem-
bers of the Hospital Corps permis-
sion to stay until the dance was
over. On the afternoon of Tues-
day, the dance being given that
night, the Major said he would
not give passes for later than 11:30.
The boys, basing their actions up-
on the first understanding, stayed
the dance out, as they considered
themselves responsible for the con-
duct of the ball.

"The Engineers have often had
24-hour passes, but we never have,
although off duty for that length of
time. The Major had full power
to issue the passes if he desired,
but it is said he did not wish to do
so as he did not consider the ball
first class on account of the lack of
society. The Engineers who had
ball tickets had passes to 6 the
next morning."

The members of the Hospital Corps
are very sorry such a state of affairs
has been brought about to mar what
was in every other way an enjoyable
party.

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Practice March.

Regimental drill took place last
night. The night was lovely and the
members turned out well. From the
drill shed the regiment marched to
Makiki where the battalions were put
through a number of evolutions. All
the companies did well. The band was
in attendance and furnished lively
music.

COLUMBIA IN COURT AGAIN

Protest Against Confirmation of the
Sale to Captain Evans—Several
Affidavits Filed.

"The plot thickens" in the City of Columbia case. It is proposed to make
a fight to invalidate the sale to Capt. Evans. Documents were filed yester-
day. Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan are the attorneys. This is the petition,
headed "Protest against confirmation of sale, and for a re-opening of bid-
ding and a new sale," the plaintiffs being W. J. Smith, et al:

Your petitioners and protestants
herein respectfully represent, petition
and protest as follows:

That whereas, by an order of this
Honorable Court dated the 24th day of
January, A. D. 1899, the Marshals
of the Republic of Hawaii was com-
manded and directed to sell the Steamship
City of Columbia, her boats, engines,
tackle, apparel and furniture at
public auction at the Statute House,
Kalaheua Hale, in the District of Ho-
nolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian
Islands, on the 21st day of February
A. D. 1899, at the hour of 12 o'clock
noon of said day for cash, and

Whereas, at the said time and place
said Steamship City of Columbia was
put up and sold for the sum of \$1500,
and

Whereas, said sum of \$1500 is grossly
inadequate and will not even pay the
lawful and necessary legal costs at-
tendant upon said sale, and

Whereas, your petitioners herein are
parties plaintiff to this action and re-
present all of said plaintiffs, and

Whereas, if said sale is confirmed it
will result in an entire failure of jus-
tice to the plaintiffs herein and an en-
tire failure to satisfy any part of their
respective claims against said steam-
ship City of Columbia, as have hereto-
fore been adjudged to be due to said
plaintiffs by this Honorable Court, and

Whereas, your petitioners further al-
lege that besides the gross inadequacy
of said sale, they are informed and
believe to be true and do so allege as
the truth that there are at this present
time and that there were at the time
of the sale of said steamship aforesaid
certain parties present in the City of
Honolulu, and were and are contem-
plating and intending to bid at said
sale a sum greater than the said sum
of \$1500, and that said parties were pre-
vented from bidding at said sale be-
cause of certain mistakes and misap-
prehensions under which they were
laboring at and prior to the time of
said sale, and

Whereas, these said parties have in-
formed your petitioners that they are
now prepared and are ready, willing
and able to bid for and to give for said
steamship more than the sum of
\$1500.

Now, therefore, your petitioners, for
the reasons herein set forth and for
other good and sufficient reasons do
hereby respectfully petition this Hon-
orable Court to refuse to confirm said
sale so made and to declare the same
null and void, and to order a re-open-
ing of the bidding at said sale, a re-
sale of said steamship at such time and
place as shall seem meet and equitable,
and your petitioners will ever pray.

This protest and petition is based
upon the affidavits hereto attached and
made a part hereof, and upon such
other affidavits as shall be filed herein
and upon all the pleadings and exhibits
heretofore filed in the Clerk's office of
this Court.

Dated, Honolulu, February 23rd, 1899.

AFFIDAVIT OF W. J. SMITH.

W. J. Smith, being first duly sworn
on his oath deposes and says that he
is a sea-faring man and has been cap-
tain of steamships for the period of
ten years, and has followed his profes-
sion for the period of twenty-eight
years, and that he is acquainted with
the steamship City of Columbia and
was her navigating officer from the city
of Seattle to the port of Honolulu dur-
ing the last trip of said steamship from
said City of Seattle to said Honolulu,
and that from said port of Honolulu he
navigated said steamship to the port of
Hilo, and that from said port of Hilo
he had charge of and navigated said
steamship City of Columbia to the
port of Honolulu, where she now lies;
that he is thoroughly familiar with the
boat, her boilers, boats, engines, ap-

parel, tackle and furniture, and every
part and parcel thereof, and that he
had such knowledge on and prior to the
21st day of February, A. D. 1899; that
on said 21st day of February, 1899, at
and before the hour of noon of said
date, there was in the bunkers of said
steamship City of Columbia in the
neighborhood of 175 tons of coal of the
value of \$9.50 a ton, that there was on
said steamship City of Columbia at
that time an electric plant and search
light of the value of \$1500; and that
there was at that time on said City of
Columbia furniture, apparel, tackle,
boats, anchors, boilers, engines, ma-
chinery of the value of \$10,000; and at
that time said City of Columbia, to-
gether with all her appurtenances, was of
the value of \$30,000.

AFFIDAVIT OF NG FONG.

Ng Fong, being first duly sworn, on
his oath deposes and says that he is a
resident of the City of Honolulu and
is a member and representative of a
certain syndicate, composed of Chinese
residing in the said City of Honolulu;
that said syndicate has examined said
steamship City of Columbia at numer-
ous times prior to the 21st day of Feb-
ruary A. D. 1899, for the purpose and
with the intention of bidding and pur-
chasing said steamship City of Colum-
bia at the sale of the same which took
place on the 21st of February, A. D.
1899, at noon; that said affiant was on
his way to attend said sale at said time
and thought that he would be at the
place of said sale at the hour of 12
o'clock and intended so to be, and at
or near the hour of 12 o'clock was with-
in a very short distance of the place of
said sale on his way to the same; that
upon arriving at the place of said sale
he found no one present at said place
of sale; and to all appearances there
was nothing to indicate that a sale was
to take place or had taken place; that
affiant then supposing that he must
have been mistaken in the day on
which the sale was to have taken
place, returned to his place of business
on King street; and upon his arrival
or soon thereafter at his said store one
Peter Nalual, who had knowledge of
affiant's intention to be present at and
to bid at said sale, came to said store
and informed said affiant that said sale
had taken place; that affiant and the
said syndicate were ready, willing and
able to bid more than \$1500 for the
purchase of said steamship and were
ready, willing and able to bid the sum
of \$10,000 if necessary for said steam-
ship, and that said affiant and said
syndicate are at this present time
ready, willing and able to bid more
than \$1500 for said City of Columbia;
that affiant's failure to attend said sale
was wholly a mistake and a misappre-
hension of the time which said sale was
to take place and a misapprehension
of the hour of the day, and that if
such misapprehension and mistake had
not existed or been made he would
have attended said sale and bid for the
said steamship City of Columbia more
than \$1500, and that if said steamship
if offered for sale again he and the
syndicate will bid therefor more than
the sum of \$1500, and this affiant does
hereby tender to this court the sum
of \$5000 in gold coin of the United
States as the sum which he and the
said syndicate will bid and do bid for
said steamship in case the same is of-
fered for sale again.

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER NALUAL.

Peter Nalual, being first duly sworn,
on his oath deposes and says, that he
is a resident of the City of Honolulu
and is acquainted with one Ng Fawn,
also a resident of said Honolulu; that
some time prior to the 21st day of Feb-
ruary, 1899, said Ng Fawn informed
this affiant that he intended to attend
the sale of, and bid for the steamship
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BY MR. WM. EASSIE

A Letter From the Chief Hawai-
an on the Yukon River.

HE TELLS OF THEIR HOME

A Nicely Furnished Cottage—Ad-
vent of "the Boys"—A Thief Cap-
tured—A Hint on Prospects.

Wm. Eassie was chief engineer of
Kealia plantation when he decided to
go from the islands to the Klondike
for a Honolulu syndicate. Following
is the last letter received from Mr.
Eassie:

RAMPART CITY.—Well, here we
are, not exactly under our own vine
and fig tree, but under the shelter of
our own roof, if you only knew the sat-
isfaction of saying this away up in
Alaska. Why last night the thermo-
meter registered 8 below zero. The
Yukon is now a mass of flowing ice.

The boats have all tied up for this
season, and we can say that we are an-
chored here for this winter. We would
have nothing to complain of only the
lack of mail facilities. I have only had
one batch of letters since I got here,
only one from you, bearing date of July
1st.

Last week who should drop in on
us but Willie Cornwell and August
Conrad. They have both had a hard
time, especially August, as he left San
Francisco on the same date that I did,
June 23rd. They have abandoned their
boat, the Dawson City, some sixty-five
miles below here. She is now high and
dry. The river is now some twenty
feet lower than when we came here.

They luckily got the last boat up the
river. They had to give up their out-
fit, arriving here with only thin cloth-
ing. I have taken them both in with
me. You can bet that they were the
two happiest boys on earth when they
saw me. Today I sent August out to
locate a claim on a creek called Gold
Pan.

He started off with three days' grub and his blankets, they making a
pack of about forty pounds. He will
be home on Saturday night. Cornwell
made his maiden trip on Saturday. He
stood the trip all right. I think that
they will both make good men for this
country.

There are now five of us stopping in
this house, and we have all the com-
forts of a home. You would all be
astonished if you could only see us eat.
Sometimes I am afraid that some of us
will reach the bursting stage.

On last Saturday night we had some
excitement. You see we had not all of
our stuff moved up from the tents, on
the bank of the river. Scott was still
sleeping in one of the tents, there being
about 100 more tents in the same
vicinity. He was on his way to go to
bed, about 7 o'clock. Just as he was
going in the tent he saw a man stand
up alongside of the meat box, which
was on the outside of the tent. There
were about 800 pounds of bacon, ham,
dried beef, etc., in the boxes. Scott
went up to the man, who proved to be
a negro, and asked him what he was
doing there. He said "Nothing." Scott
said that was the wrong place to be
doing that. In the dark Scott laid his
hand on the top of the bacon box and
found three slabs of bacon, which had
been taken from the inside of the
box. He accused the negro of taking
the bacon, which, of course, he denied.

Scott called a man to watch and came
up to the house for me. I went down,
overhauled Mr. Darkey, got the bacon,
some ham which he had stolen, as well
as coffee, and found lots of things that
he had stolen from other places. I had
him placed under arrest. Next day he
was brought before the trustees and
sentenced to get ten lashes on the bare
back, one year in jail and pay \$500 fine.
The lashes have since been remitted.
The soldiers now have charge of the
negro. You know we now have a squad
of fifty soldiers here doing police duty.
They are a nice lot of men.

Next week I am to go out on the
trail to visit our claims, of which we
now have six. In a short time we can
start to work. I have been a busy man
since my arrival here. I have worked
from daylight to dark and then as long
as I could by lamp light, making tables,
chairs, washstands, shelves, bunks—in
fact everything of that kind must be
made here. No going to the store to
buy. You must make, and if I do say
so, we will have as nice a house as
there is in the City of Rampart. I think
I hear you say, "Well, that is not say-
ing much for the city." Well you are
right. We do not go much on luxuries,
but comforts we are strong on. Any-
way we do not have to put things on
cold storage, nor will we for the next
eight months.

I never felt better in my life. Of
course I would like to see you all. You
can rest assured that I think of you
lots of times during the day, but never
with a homesick feeling. Do not for a
moment have the idea that I think
the less of you if I am not homesick.
I feel just as certain of success as I did
the day that I left you all. You will
hear good reports from this section of
Alaska and I will be in it. There are
now some nine people here from the
islands.

Of course I am giving no advice to
anyone as yet as to coming up here, nor
can I until next spring. But I hope to

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say "Come on boys, there is enough
for all." I am going to close now as it
is getting time for bed.

WM. EASSIE.

A letter has been received from Wm.
Miller, who is so well known in Hon-
olulu and who not long ago started out
for the Klondike.

The writer states that he made the
trip safely, doing it with ease. He has
reached Rampart City and will stay
there for a time. He has a lot of work
ordered in his line; that is making
cabinets, chairs, etc. He reports that
everything is very high priced and
thinks Honolulu is about the best place
yet. He has met a number of Honolulu
people and they are all anxious to get
back home; that is, of course, after
they have made their fortunes.

CALLS ON CANADA.

Capt. Haake, the captain of the
schooner Labrador, formerly a Victoria
sealing schooner, which was captured
near Maui some months ago while
captain and crew were trying to am-
bigue opium into the islands, and who
was sentenced to a long term of im-
prisonment by the authorities there, is
endeavoring to get the Canadian
authorities to interest themselves in
his case.

BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

Contractors and Others Now Pro-
posing to Organize.

On account of the friction and con-
fusion over the Beretania street school
building, contractors and others here
interested in building have decided to
organize on the basis of the follow-
ing:

First. To join in one association all
mechanics, manufacturers and dealers
of good repute, doing business in the
City of Honolulu, Island of Oahu,
whose vocation connects them, wholly
or generally, with the industry of
building, either as an employing con-
tractor in any branch of the building
business, or as a manufacturer of or
dealer in material used or employed
in the erection of buildings or other
structures.

Second. To establish and maintain
among the individuals so associated a
just and equitable system of dealing,
and a uniformity in commercial usages
by rules and regulations; to acquire,
preserve or disseminate valuable in-
formation regarding the business in
which they are severally engaged.

Third. To procure (either by lease
or purchase), furnish and maintain
suitable rooms for the use of its mem-
bers for meeting rooms, offices and
other purposes.

Fourth. To establish and enforce a
system of arbitration for the settle-
ment of all disputes or controversies
which may arise between its members
or between its members and their em-
ployees and other persons.

Fifth. To join or otherwise act in
concert with other organizations of
Employers of Labor, for the purpose
of arbitrating all questions of dispute
which may arise between said organ-
ization and the members thereof or
any of them or between any of them
and their employees. To the end that
all matters of difference between the
Employers of Labor and their em-
ployees may be amicably settled and
adjusted without resort to strikes or
lockouts.

AN AGED SISTER.

Death of Convent Teacher Who

Came Here in 1859.

Sister Alaida, of the Catholic Sisters
Convent, died yesterday morning at
5:30. The immediate cause of death
was pneumonia, but she had been ill-
ing for some time having had a bad
attack of the grip. The funeral will
take place this morning at 7 o'clock
from the Catholic Cathedral with re-
quiem mass. Friends of deceased are
kindly invited.

Sister Alaida was a member of the
band of Sisters which arrived here in
1859. She was the first music teacher
in the city and has for forty years ac-
tively in that capacity in the convent.
She has instructed many of the young
ladies of prominent families of Hon-
olulu. Her death will be mourned by
all who knew her kind and gentle dis-
position.

A Church Rule.

The Portuguese people at Panahou
have been greatly excited by the fact
that one of their number who died
some time ago, a young Portuguese
lady, had been refused burial in the
Catholic cemetery.

On the authority of Father Clement
it is stated that she was refused Cath-
olic burial because she had married
against the law of her church, which
does not allow divorced people to
marry again when both are Catholic,
married by a Catholic priest. The fam-
ily unfortunately neglected to call the
priest before her death to reconcile her
with the church and procure for her a
burial on Catholic ground by a Cath-
olic priest.